



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

CHICAGO DIVISION

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Michael J. Hood  
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Dear Chief Hood:

I would like to take the time to express my gratitude and personally thank you for the services that your department provided to our agency. On November 21, 2011 and May 1, 2012, two on-duty Chicago Postal Carriers were victims of brutal assaults and robberies. Both incidents, while not related to each other, were similar in nature in that both carriers sustained extensive head trauma from foreign objects that were used in the attacks of each man. Both victims required several surgeries and one carrier lost the vision in his right eye. Chicago Postal Inspectors, the lead agency in both cases, pursued all investigative techniques to bring those responsible to justice.

During the course of both investigations and upon the request of my inspectors, parole agents from your intelligence section organized and executed parolee compliance checks in the area of the attacks. With the assistance of the Chicago Police Department, these three law enforcement agencies patrolled the Chicago streets approaching parolee's residences attempting to solicit information on the postal carriers' attacks. This proactive approach proved successful with subsequent information received from those neighborhoods that concluded with the arrests/confessions of the offenders in question.

I would like to recognize Parole Agent Jack Tweedle, Parole Agent Louis Hopkins, Parole Agent Tiffany Brand and Parole Agent Kenya Clark Anderson for their invaluable assistance with these investigations. Their willingness to assist Postal Inspectors with developing leads and identifying suspects is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the Chicago Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service, please bestow my deep appreciation to the aforementioned members of your department for their assistance in this investigation.

Sincerely,

Pete Zegarac  
Postal Inspector in Charge

cc: Darryl L. Johnson, Chief of Parole  
Brad Curry, Chief of Public Safety